

# 523.104 Procedures.

## (a) *Pre-Award Procedures.*

(1) *Market Research.* Use the Green Procurement Compilation to determine whether the intended contract action must include sustainable requirements in accordance with FAR 23.

## (2) *Statement of Work/Solicitation.*

(i) If the procurement has sustainable requirements, confirm that all applicable provisions and clauses are included in the solicitation and that the statement of work or specification contains the minimum sustainable requirements.

(ii) When developing the statement of work or specification, consider including procedures for verifying compliance with sustainable requirements. Review the Verification Guide for Purchasers of Sustainable Products at <https://sftool.gov/>.

(iii) If a procurement cannot comply with the minimum sustainable requirements as outlined in GSAM 523.104(a)(1) due to significant impact on cost, schedule, or performance, the contracting officer must document the exception used and supporting rationale as detailed in GSAM 523.105.

(b) *Award Procedures.* Review GSAM 504.606(b) for instructions on GSA FPDS sustainability coding. The GSA FPDS Sustainability Code Guidelines provides instructions on reporting sustainability data for individual procurements in FPDS and can be found on GSA's Acquisition Portal at <https://insite.gsa.gov/acquisitionportal>.

## (c) *Post-Award Procedures.*

### (1) *Receipt of Sustainable Products and Services.*

(i) The contracting officer must take reasonable steps to validate any required sustainable products and/or services were received. Review the best available evidence of compliance such as manufacturer product documentation, design submittals, and federal or third party ecolabels. Utilize random sampling techniques when reviewing documents/evidence to limit the time required for review. Staff/Service Offices may prioritize which products and/or services to focus on when performing compliance reviews.

(ii) The contracting officer must note any discrepancies with sustainable acquisition requirements in the contract and take the appropriate corrective action. For best practices in verifying evidence of compliance, review the Verification Guide for Purchasers of Sustainable Products at <https://sftool.gov/>.

(2) *Contractor Sustainability Reports.* The contracting officer must confirm that any required sustainability reports are submitted by the contractor.

(i) *Biobased Report.* For service or construction contracts that include FAR Clause 52.223-2, the contractor must provide annual information on the USDA-designated biobased products (BioPreferred products) purchased each fiscal year by submitting a report in the System for Award Management. If this reporting is required by the contract, the contracting officer must take the following steps:

(A) Review the reports submitted by the contractor in SAM for reasonableness.

(B) Report any non-compliance by the contractor within the "Other Areas" portion of the CPARS evaluation form.

(ii) *Recycled Content Report.*

(A) FAR Clause 52.223-9 requires the contractor to submit a report to the contracting officer that estimates the percentage of the total recovered material content for the Environmental Protection Agency's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG) designated products delivered and/or used in contract performance. Only include this clause when a contract meets both of the following criteria:

(1) The contract requires (CPG) products that are not commercial off-the-shelf items;  
and

(2) The value of the contract is over \$150,000.

(B) If this reporting is required by the contract, the contracting officer must-

(1) Review the report submitted by the contractor for reasonableness.

(2) Report any non-compliance by the contractor within "Other Areas" portion of the CPARS evaluation form.

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